

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant "noted that the status of each of the claims has been provided, however the amendment does not contain any editor marks indicating the changes that have been made to the claims providing the text that has been either added or deleted."

Applicants apologize for the oversight and submit the present Reply which updates the listing of the claims to provide markings that indicate the changes that have been made to the amended claims. This Reply only contains an updated listing of the claims because the Response to Non-Compliant Amendment stated that "[o]nly the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire 'Amendments to the claims' section of applicants amendment document must be resubmitted." Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks set forth in the Amendment and Reply filed August 1, 2003, and submit that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below if the Examiner has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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